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SUBJECT: STATUS ACHOUR TRIAL

REF: (A) STATE 79790 (NOTAL), (B) NEW DELHI 3971 (NOTAL)

1. ACCORDING DEFENSE COUNSEL, HABIB ACHOUR ARRAIGNED ON MARCH 22 ON AMBIGUOUS CHARGE "ENDANGERING SECURITY OF THE STATE" DURING TEN AND HALF HOUR EXAMINATION OF CASE BY PRESIDING JUDGE WITH EIGHT DEFENSE COUNSELS PRESENT. ACHOUR TRANSFERRED FROM DETENTION INTERIOR MINISTRY (SURETE NATIONALE) TO MINISTRY OF JUSTICE (CIVIL PRISON, TUNIS). REMAINING MEMBERS UGTT EXECUTIVE BOARD LIKEWISE ARRAIGNED AND TRANSFERRED.

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MAITRE HILA, CHIEF DEFENSE COUNSEL FOR ACHOUR,
ALLOWED TO SEE HIS CLIENT PRIVATELY ONLY APRIL 1, ELEVEN
DAYS FOLLOWING ARRAIGNMENT. ACCORDING DEFENSE COUNSEL
SOURCES, TRIAL SHOULD TAKE PLACE DURING MONTH OF APRIL.
ACHOUR FAMILY SOURCES SUNDAY P.M. (APRIL 2) TOLD
POLITICAL/LABOR OFFICER THAT TRIAL WAS STILL STRONG PROBABILITY,
THEY BELIEVED TIME FRAM MAY OR EARLY JUNE. THEY REQUESTED

IRVING BROWN, AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL REP, PARIS, ARRANGE AMERICAN LAWYER/OBSERVER FOR TRIAL, SEND AFL-CIO DELEGATION BEFOREHAND IF POSSIBLE.

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